(b) Nag missile is a third generation Anti Tank Guided Missile with "fire and forget" and "top attack" capabilities. Nag missile has a range of 4 Km. and it can engage moving and static targets.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Flight trials are planned to test the Nag missile at a minimum/maximum range.

Erection of war memorial

284. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plans to erect a war memorial in memory of Indian soldiers, who have laid down their lives in various wars since Independence, is lying in cold storage because of lack of a consensus on a suitable site;

(b) whether any time-frame has been set to erect the war memorial; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) A concept plan for National War Memorial has been presented before the regulatory bodies namely, Delhi Urban Arts Commission, the Central Vista Committee and the Heritage Conservation Committee. Ministry of Urban Development has been approached for assignment of suitable land around 'Chhatri' in the India Gate Complex which has not been obtained.

(b) and (c) A time frame can be set only after the land is obtained for the purpose.

Reservation in Armed Forces based on population

285. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has a rule that only a fixed percentage of the population can join the Army from a State and that it is the only Central service in which reservation is based on population; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Army Officers are recruited on the basis of merit and recruitment is equally open to every citizen of the country, without discrimination on the basis of population of a State.

Vacancies for recruitment to the Army in respect of Personnel Below Officers' Rank (PBOR) are distributed on the basis of Recruitable Male Population (RMP) of States/UTs. RMP is reckoned as 10% of the total eligible male population of the State/UT based on Census of India Report 2001.

Diversion of ration items meant for Indian Army to black Market

286. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: